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OUR CLUB NOTES

The Birmingham Club Celebrated Reciprocity Day and Visitors Were Present From Pontiac and Royal Oak

The regular meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. Bigelow with 25 members and about as many visitors present. Roll call was responded to with "Current Events."

It being "Reciprocity Day" members of the Pontiac and Royal Oak clubs were a nonz the visitors present, and they contributed to the literary program.

Mrs. B. each of Royal Oak, read a paper on "What Makes a Home?" in which she described the home where parents unite, not only in seeking the present happiness of their household, but in fitting their children for future usefulness.

Mrs. Green, of the Pontiac club, gave an original recitation, "An Ideal Nation and its Ultimate Consummation." This described an imaginary state of existence in which each individual reached the highest state of perfection, and where in everything was at its very best. Its motto shall be, "Love the Lord Thy God, with all thy Heart and all thy Soul, and thy Neighbor as Thyself." Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Cooper, of the home club, each gave a recitation that gave variety to the entertainment and that were well received by the audience.

The hostess furnished music on the Victrola under the direction of Misses Helen Hubert and Mildred Sibley. Light refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Life Seved at Death's Door.

I never felt so near my grave, writes W. R. Patterson, of Wellington, Texas, "as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 pounds, in spite of doctor's treatment for two years. My father, who had two sisters-died of consumption, and that I am alive today is due solely to the King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 180 pounds and have been well and strong for two years. Quick relief, and the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, grippe, asthma, croup, an inflamed throat, and long troubles in the chest, is a bottle free. Guaranteed by C. J. Shain and Cobb-Stanley-Harris Company.

OBITUARY.

MRS. J. K. WILSON Passed away Monday, Jan. 23, 1911, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carlill Quay, 80 Dillon avenue, Detroit.

Deceased was the widow of her husband in 1859, where she resided until the death of her husband in 1904, she then went to Detroit to live with her daughter. She was a kind and loving mother and will be sadly missed. She is survived by one son and four daughters, Irving H. Wilson of Birmingham, Mrs. Theodore Kittle, of Kingsville, Ont., Mrs. Carlill Quay of Detroit, Mrs. Frank Rende of Southfield and Mrs. Harlow Cotcher of Detroit.

The funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 26, conducted by Rev. Allen, of Detroit, after which she was laid by the side of her husband in beautiful Greenwood cemetery in Birmingham.

Backache, Rheumatism, Nervousness, Head Disorders, Kidneys. Foley's Kidney Pills have helped your neighbors; they will also help you. Mrs. Thomas Collins, Adrian, Michigan, writes: "I was troubled with distress in the back, and also with dizzy spells. I took Foley's Kidney Pills according to directions and my dizzy spells left me and the pain in the back got much better. I shall be glad to recommend Foley's Kidney Pills to all those afflicted with kidney trouble." Sold by all druggists.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. R. A. Rapson, of Detroit, who has been assisting in special meetings this week will preach on Sunday both morning and evening.

B.-Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6:15, Topic, "Lessons from Great Lives; Joseph." Leader, Miss Brown. The special meetings continue this week with good interest. R. A. Rapson, of Detroit, preaching each night. There were baptisms on Tuesday evening and others are expected in the near future.

Tortured for 18 Years

By a cure-defying stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Modders, of Modersville, Michigan, seems doomed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said, "You are a live man longer." "Whatever I eat," he "stomached me," he wrote, "I'll try Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for me that I can now eat things I could not take for years. It's surely a grand remedy for stomach and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed." Only file at C. J. Shain's and Cobb-Stanley-Harris Company's.

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BIRNHAM SLOGAN

The Slogan is Chosen, The Birmingham Improvement Society of Last Decided.

The slogan for our village, selected by the Improvement Society is: "Beautiful Birmingham—the Pride of Old Oakland." This slogan was proposed by Miss Eva Lombard, of our village, who wins the prize, a five year paid up subscription to this paper.

Parties having letter heads, note heads, statements, envelopes etc., etc. can have the slogan added without an extra charge.

Never fail to use the Slogan: "Birmingham—the Pride of Old Oakland!"

LINCOLN BANQUET

Will be Held in Pontiac Feb. 15. Four Denominations Will be Represented. Dr. Gonsauls Will Speak

With every place on the program with the exception of one filled by divines of different denominations, the directors of the Lincoln Republican club in Pontiac have set a novel annual banquet which is to be held at the Pontiac opera house, Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. Rev. C. A. Lippincott, Presbyterian, of Flint is toastmaster; Rev. H. H. Fox, Episcopalian, is at present absent from Chicago, and Rev. W. Jennings, Methodist of Mt. Clemens, will respond to one of the evening's toasts; and Rev. Frank W. Gonsauls, Congregationalist, of Chicago will deliver the principal address of the evening. The other toasts will be responded to by Attorney General Frank Kuhn.

The catering will be done by the ladies of the Congregational church. In accord with the request of Dr. Gonsauls and Harold Jarvis, the directors will ask that there be no smoking during the banquet.

The toasts of none of the speakers have so far been secured. Dr. Gonsauls is at present absent from Chicago and will go to Pontiac on Feb. 15 direct from New York city. While in Detroit he will be one of the speakers at the republican gathering which is to be held Feb. 13 and at which President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt will speak.

Frank G. Ely of Davisburg is president of the club, Frank J. Malcolm, first vice president; H. S. Gardner, second; Ross Stockwell, secretary; Frank L. Dory, assistant secretary; George E. Richardson, treasurer. The directors are: A. Ross, Herbert Broughton, G. Ross Thompson, John E. Crawford, Frank Vowles, F. J. Malcolm, William Richardson, Ross Stockwell, Jay Snood, James H. Hogle, Roy Cowdin, H. S. Gardner, Frank G. Ely, E. D. Spooner, George B. Richardson.

Speedy Relief From Kidney Trouble.

"I had an acute attack of Bright's disease with inflammation of the kidneys," writes J. M. Thompson, of Thorp, Jackson, Michigan. "A bottle of Foley's Kidney Remedy overcame the attack, reduced the inflammation, and took away the pain, and made the bladder action normal." Sold by all druggists.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOL NOTES.

Quite a number of pupils were out of school Monday owing to the heavy snow storm.

A class of 39 have commenced botany this term. It has been found necessary to divide the class into two divisions in order to accommodate all who wish to take this study.

Teachers in all grades are making arrangements to drill pupils in passing out of the building quickly in case of fire.

Our newfangled fountains are very popular with the pupils and there seems to be a great demand for them. If parents would cooperate with the teachers, and see to it that children do not bring their dinner who live near the school, we would appreciate it very much. We can see no good reason why pupils should bring their dinner who live only a short distance from the school house. A warm dinner is far better than a cold one.

Pupils in all grades are studying the lives and words of Washington and Lincoln. We want all the children to become familiar with these two great men whose birthdays occur this month.

Please don't forget the magazines for the reading table. We will appreciate any magazine you may have to spare.

Examinations are over and both pupils and teachers can now settle down to the regular daily work of the school.

DO YOU PHANTOM! HE THREW A FIT

If You Want Thrills and Those Crazy Creeps, Don't Fail to Read Phantom of the Opera.

For a collection of weird happenings, of mystery piled upon mystery and horror upon horror, "The Phantom of the Opera," stands unequalled in modern literature. Gaston Leroux has written mystery stories before, such as "The Mystery of the Yellow Room" and "The Perfume of Lady in Black," but nothing of such compelling interest as

While a Good Natured Man Held His Hat, all Because He Didn't Receive His Eccentric

Blairmore, Alberta, Jan. 25, 1911. Editor of the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC,

Dear Sir:— Indeed you will find \$3.00 for another year's subscription to your paper. As I feel as though I could not get along without my paper, it is the main part of my mail. I rode into town last mail day and walked over to the postoffice and waited for my mail. However, it was not very long till the stage coach rolled in and as the driver threw out the mail bags he shouted, "Here's the King's Hat," and he handed me a hat. The mail sacks were soon rushed into the office and an anxious crowd asked for their mail. When I found out I did not get my ECCENTRIC I turned around to a good natured looking old man and kindly asked him to hold my hat while I had a fit. Yours, as long as Birmingham is on the map. RICHARD NEIL.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES.

Last week the board of education mailed letters to those students who ranked among the first five or six in their grade, congratulating them for their excellent work for the first half year of school. In all 71 pupils were thus honored.

GASTON LEROUX.

Author of "The Phantom of the Opera," a Denwick Being to Whom the Attach's Attribute Supernatural Powers and Whose Brings About the Worst Kind of Happenings Which However Are Capable of a Natural Explanation.

"The Phantom of the Opera," nothing takes such a hold of the imagination as this novel. The author's horror creeping over the reader. The opera house of Paris would seem to be the very place in all the world to choose for the setting of such a plot, filled as it is to the eyes of the casual visitor with light and color and gaiety, but to those who are acquainted with its secret recesses, the odd nooks and corners that lie within the 17 stories from the Apollo's lyre on the roof to the lake that underlies the five cellars, it will be evident that no building in the world could be better suited for the scene of such a story as is here presented.

The daring of the author's imagination is shown not only in the incidents which include the kidnapping of a prima donna from the center of the stage while the house is filled with an enthusiastic audience, but in the drawing of the characters as well. The "ghost" which haunts the opera and whose existence is known to none but the managers and the attachés, is a mysterious being who appears as a voice and to whom to some is a dispassionate and others a death's head with eyes that can see, living in the dark but in the light look like burn holes in the skull. To those who have come in contact with him is a demon who sets all natural laws at defiance, who takes human life with as little concern as he would a fly, and in the dark but in the light look like burn holes in the skull. To those who have come in contact with him is a demon who sets all natural laws at defiance, who takes human life with as little concern as he would a fly, and in the dark but in the light look like burn holes in the skull.

"What greater flight of the imagination could there be than the depicting of a torture chamber belonging to the Phantom in the recesses of the opera house? It is a hexagonal chamber lined with mirrors, and in one corner an iron tree, an exact duplicate of the natural thing, and in the mirrors on every side is duplicated again and again until the effect is that of a dizzying, dizzying, a terror all forest reaching away in every direction to an immense distance. Over it is an electric sun which floods the chamber with light and heat, and thirst, they hear the gurgling of water, they see a spring in the distance. They make for it in haste, only to bring up against the polished surface of the mirrors. Darkness comes on but there is no relief, the roaring of wild beasts and the peculiar sound made by the tatters fly being reproduced by mechanical devices, and keeping the unfortunate victims in constant terror. There is one escape from this chamber of horrors, a rope one may hang himself from the iron tree, and in his death struggle see what is apparently thousands of other men hanging from trees all around him and also struggling in agony. For after C. J. Shain's drug store, and at Reynolds's drug store.

The second grade is just beginning Cyrs second reader.

Last Friday afternoon the juniors presented portions of the play Macbeth to the other students of the high room. The first grade is making a study of Lincoln. They have a log cabin with its fire place and hand made furniture on their table and will soon begin to make paper cuttings of typical Lincoln objects. They will shortly begin the study of Jones first reader.

Interesting objects in Miss Boyd's room are cherry blossoms, cuttings of the different means of transportation, and a large Eskimo net. The suggestion of a subscriber in last week's paper is timely and too important to be overlooked. We certainly do need extra school room and the auditorium would be just the thing for our literary meetings. In addition a couple of good gymnasiums could be installed in the basement of the building.

Mr. Loren Blunt visited school last Tuesday. Because of the illness of Miss Hanna her sister, Miss Viola Hanna, substituted in her room last Monday. Miss Hanna resumed her work Tuesday. Some new books of famous geometrical theorems and problems with their history have been added to our library. Last Friday evening the teachers gave a short play entitled, "Young Doctor Divine" in the J. & S. hall. Affair, in which we were enjoyed by all, various games filled up the remainder of the evening. Among the out of town guests was Miss Kelley, who formerly was a teacher in our school. Friday evening the freshman class will have a class party at the home of Miss Lillian Brooks. Our spelling is steadily improving. In the second cent 16, and in the third 21 students succeeded in spelling the entire 50 words correctly. The seniors are planning to give another play within a month or two. After their success of last Tuesday it is sure to be interesting. Some time ago an effort was made by the officers of the Literary society to obtain a debate with a team from Royal Oak. Royal Oak did not seem to be very enthused over the idea, although no definite reason was given for declining to meet. However, if Royal Oak or any other high school in the athletic association would like a debate, a letter addressed to Mr. Dudley and stating the facts of the case would be very acceptable. The last Literary meeting was held in the school house, and was very interesting. The program was unusually interesting. Financially the meeting was a success, \$25 being cleared.

TO BE FOUND IN THE LIBRARY.

Magazines and papers to be found in the public library for the coming year: Harper's Monthly, Review of Reviews; American Magazine, American Boy, Success, Little Folks, Sunset, Technical World, St. Nicholas, The World To-day, Pearson's Magazine, Hampton's Magazine, Popular Mechanics, Youth's Companion, Dumb Animals; Park and Cemetery, donated by the Cemetery Association; Delator, donated by Mrs. Cooper; Fine Art Journal, Boston; Woman's Journal, General Federation Bulletin, The True Americans, donated by Miss Baldwin; Birmingham Eccentric, donated by publishers.

CONGREGATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT.

An entertainment will be given at the First Congregational church in Royal Oak for the benefit of the Young Men's Brotherhood on the evening of Feb. 14.

PROGRAM. Orchestra Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Beach Reading, Mrs. St. John Solo, Mrs. Anderson Quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes "Her old Sweetheart" Miss Edith Barnes and the U. M. B. Selection, Orchestra

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